

Partner Search Form

Identification of the applicant	
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Short presentation of your organisation (key activities, experience)	<p>Smart Vision is nongovernmental organization, providing knowledge-based services to private and public sectors. We aim to apply innovative, interdisciplinary methods and elements in different stages of the projects. In order to assure the quality of work, we have established a broad network of external partners and experts (social science researchers, theatrical education experts, philosophers, sustainable development analysts and others), who cooperate in the project implementation activities. The main goal of this partnership is to encourage and strengthen cooperation and to develop innovative products and services. We are trying to achieve four goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen social cohesion and intersectoral cooperation by implementing educational programmes, providing training and initiating social projects. • To contribute to the development of cultural and creative industries at a local and international levels by implementing innovative project, stimulating cooperation between science, arts and business and consulting cultural operators. • To use various sources of expert



	<p>knowledge in order to foster competitiveness and effectiveness of private and public sectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the contribution of science to culture, social and economic processes, by engaging in interdisciplinary research and innovation.
Description of the project	
<p>Action, Measure in the framework of „Europe for Citizens” Programme</p>	<p>Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation</p> <p>Action 2.3. Civil Society Projects</p>
<p>Timetable of the project</p>	<p>Preliminary (draft) timetable:</p> <p>August, 2016 m – September, 2016: Project planning and 1st meeting of all project partners.</p> <p>October, 2016: preparation of questionnaires for interviews and polls that integrate gamification and theatrical methods.</p> <p>November, 2016 – February, 2017: Performing interviews and polls.</p> <p>March, 2017 – June, 2017: based on the results of the polls and interviews, preparing the educational programme.</p> <p>June, 2017 – October, 2017: implementation of educational programme.</p> <p>November, 2017 – December, 2017: initiating discussion and providing insights (citizens’ opinion) to the politicians.</p> <p>January, 2017: writing the final report.</p>
<p>Short description of the project, including its aims</p>	<p>Immigration is one of the most highly stressed out topics these days. Nevertheless, while dealing with the global problems (refugees from Syria and other southern countries), it is very important not to forget the specific challenges that each country</p>



	<p>faces. It should be noted that majority of immigrants to Baltic States come from Russian Federation, Ukraine and Belarus. In Lithuania in 2014 the immigration increased by 2 thousand as compared to 2013 and made up 24,3 thousand immigrants (European Migration Network, 2014). Understanding, what problems do Eastern Europeans face while migrating to Western Europe is very important, yet unreasonably forgotten topic.</p> <p>The goal of this project is to implement the integration programme by understanding the root causes of hostility towards immigrants. In order to do so, it is crucial to identify how an immigrant is defined in Lithuania and partnering countries and by what narratives a word 'local (Lithuanian, for instance)' is described. Interactive interviews with citizens and polls (by using theatrical methods and gamification) will be used to understand, whether the main problem is stigmatization (cultural repulse) or social integration (fight for jobs, language barriers, etc.). Based on the results of the interviews and polls, a programme (seminars, debates, campaigns, etc.) that is specifically tailored to the root causes of the immigrant integration will be implemented.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to make a 'soft' influence on the migration policy and to encourage changes in people's mindset. The findings and results of the interviews and polls that reflect the public opinion will be shared with the governmental institutions and politicians that represent the society in the EU and UN.</p>
Role of the partner organisation in the project	We are seeking for partners from Latvia, Estonia, Poland, Sweden, United Kingdom, Germany or other countries, who face similar problems of migration 'from East to the West'. Type of NGOs being sought: youth



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	<p>organisations, research institutes, interdisciplinary centers, innovative creative organisations. We would be glad to invite partners from Belarus, Ukraine and Russia; however, their costs are not eligible to be covered.</p> <p>The functions of the partners would include active participation in each stage of the Project: project planning, taking interviews and participating in polls, preparation and implementation of educational programme.</p>
Comments from the applicant	We would be glad to discuss the project activities in detail and to hear more suggestions or ideas for the project.